



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 637

February Session, 2006

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AN ACT CONCERNING CHARTER SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-66bb of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) The State Board of Education shall review, annually, all
5 applications and grant charters [, provided for the period from July 1,
6 1997, to June 30, 1999, no more than twenty-four charters for charter
7 schools are granted and, on and after July 1, 1999, no] in accordance
8 with subsection (f) of this section. No state charter school [enrolls (1)]
9 shall enroll (1) (A) more than two hundred fifty students, [or (B) in the
10 case of a kindergarten to grade eight, inclusive, school, more than three
11 hundred students] or (B) if deemed appropriate by the State Board of
12 Education for an applicant with a demonstrated record for raising
13 academic achievement and if within available appropriations, up to
14 eighty-five students per grade, or (2) twenty-five per cent of the
15 enrollment of the school district in which the state charter school is to
16 be located, whichever is less. The State Board of Education shall give
17 preference to applicants for charter schools that will serve students
18 who reside in a priority school district pursuant to section 10-266p, as
19 amended, or in a district in which seventy-five per cent or more of the
20 enrolled students are members of racial or ethnic minorities and to

21 applicants for state charter schools that will be located at a work-site or
22 that are institutions of higher education. In determining whether to
23 grant a charter, the State Board of Education shall consider the effect of
24 the proposed charter school on the reduction of racial, ethnic and
25 economic isolation in the region in which it is to be located, the
26 regional distribution of charter schools in the state and the potential of
27 over concentration of charter schools within a school district or in
28 contiguous school districts.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-66bb(c)
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